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19 February 2025

MR. XIUYAN LIN 254 Dasmariñas St., Binondo, Manila

Subject:

Seizure Identification No. 067-2025 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Eighty (80) pieces Piso Wifi mainboard confiscated from incoming Chinese passenger XIUYAN LIN, who arrived on 02 April 2024 and held for safekeeping under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100007312

Dear Mr. Xiuyan Lin

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 067-2025 (NAIA) issued on February 18, 2025 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned seized goods, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper within seven (7) days from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

- 1. Issues of the Case;
- 2. Proposed Stipulation and Admission;
- 3. Arguments:
- 4. Exhibits; and
- 5. Possibility of settlement.

Kindly send your Verified Position Paper, with pertinent attachments to lawdivision.naia@gmail.com/naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Very truly yours,

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Officer-on-Case



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. <u>067-2025</u> (NAIA)

Eighty (80) pieces of Piso Wifi mainboard confiscated from incoming Chinese passenger XIUYAN LIN, who arrived on 02 April 2024, and held for safekeeping under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100007312.

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

TO: The District Commander ESS-CPD. NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on 02 April 2024, a female Chinese traveler named Xiuyan Lin and with Passport Number EA58047275, arrived at NAIA Terminal 1 on board Philippine Airlines Flight No. PR357 from China.

WHEREAS, passenger Lin's checked-in baggage underwent the non-intrusive x-ray inspection and was marked with "X" by XIP Inspector Michael Martinez, who, thereafter, referred her to Customs Examiner Minette Elizabeth R. Bermundo for verification and physical examination thereof.

WHEREAS, before conducting the actual examination, Customs Examiner Bermundo asked passenger Lin to submit her duly accomplished Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) wherein she found that the latter answered "No" to all the items in the General Declaration. She then asked passenger Lin if she has anything to declare to which she replied in the affirmative.

WHEREAS, the actual physical examination conducted by Customs Examiner Bermundo led to the discovery of eighty (80) pieces of PISO WIFI Mainboard with an estimated value of US\$1,500.00.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Bermundo informed passenger Lin that the articles found in her checked-in baggage would require the submission of prior import Permit/Clearance, which passenger Lin admitted she had none at that time. Thus, the subject articles were withheld from release. Thus, Customs Examiner Bermundo issued Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100007312 to passenger Lin and the withheld articles were turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, this Port, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, Customs Examiner Minette Elizabeth R. Bermundo and Acting Flight Supervisor Dianne Karen V. Caceres, thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos, Jr., Chief, Arrival Operation's Division, Mark Jhon O. Almase, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported the incident to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended that passenger Lin be allowed to release the subject Piso Wifi Mainboard upon submission of the required Import Permit/Clearance from the National Telecommunication Commission (NTC) and after payment of the assessed customs duty and tax.



WHEREAS, despite the length of time given to passenger Lin to comply, she failed and continuously failed to submit the required import Permit/Clearance from the National Telecommunication Commission (NTC), thus, the violations imputed against the subject articles remained uncontroverted.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 30 October 2024, IOV Richard S. Rebong, DPA, Chief, Baggage Assistance Division, recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the eighty (80) pieces of Piso Wifi Mainboard for lack of the required NTC Import Permit/Clearance, in violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

WHEREAS, NTC Memorandum Circular No. 09-09-2003 of the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), and pursuant to the Guidelines for Importation of National Telecommunications Commissioner, any importer must secure the necessary NTC import permit pursuant to the applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, the NAIA District Collector found probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject articles for violation of Section 117 (Regulated Importation and Exportation) and Paragraph (f) of Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), in relation to applicable NTC laws, rules and regulations.

WHEREFORE, by virtue of authority vested in me by law, and in compliance with the applicable customs and allied laws, rules and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject baggage brought in by incoming passenger XIUYAN LIN for violation of Section 1113 and Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and related National Telecommunication Commission (NTC) laws, rules and regulations, and to turn over the same to the Auction and Cargo Disposal Division, this Port, for inventory, classification and valuation of goods pursuant to Section 1120 of the CMTA, and custody and safekeeping pursuant to CAO 10-2020, pending the resolution of the seizure case before the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with Customs Memorandum Order No. 10-2020, particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized within the period indicated therein, is likewise directed. Failure to do so shall render this Warrant, *ipso facto*, considered null and void and shall subject the defaulting officer to the appropriate administrative charges and penalties in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, _____FEB 1 8 2025 February 2025.

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District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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¹ https://ncr.ntc.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/Contact_Us/Contact_Information/GUIDELINES-FOR-IMPORTATION-THROUGH-THE-PHILIPPINE-NATIONAL-SINGLE-WINDOW-10-04-2022.pdf





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MR. KEIJI SATO Okada Hotel

Subject:

Seizure Identification No. 068-2025 [NAIA]

Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Pesos (Php 176,900.00) brought in by incoming passenger KEIJI SATO on 23 January 2025

Dear Mr. Keiji Sato

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 068-2025 (NAIA) issued on February 18, 2025 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned seized goods, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper within seven (7) days from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

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ATTY. TEODOLFO MARTIN S. YERRO IV
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 068-2025 (NAIA)

One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Pesos (Php 176,900.00) brought in by incoming passenger **KEIJI SATO** on 23 January 2025

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

TO: The District Commander ESS-CPD, NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on 23 January 2025, at around 1237H, a male Japanese passenger with Passport Number MJ2053165 arrived at Ninov Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 on board flight ZG 095 from Japan.

WHEREAS, Sato's hand-carried baggage underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Inspector Sanny Lyn Fernandez and was referred to Acting Customs Examiner Sunshine O. Palino for verification.

WHEREAS, passenger Sato presented his declarations in the e-Travel system to the assigned Customs Examiner. It was noted that the traveler answered "NO" to all items in the General Declaration including number 1 which pertains to "Philippine Currency and/or Philippine Monetary Instrument in excess of Php 50,000.00". Customs Examiner Palino explained that a traveler is allowed to carry only the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) without prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and any excess thereof requires an authorization prior to entry into the country.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Keiji Sato, representatives from ESS, CIIS, and Acting Flight Supervisor Innah Ange a Mirano, Customs Examiner Palino conducted the physical examination which yielded a total amount of Two Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Pesos (Php 276,900.00). The amount of Php 100,000.00 was returned to Mr. Sato and his companion representing the total amount allowed to be brought in by incoming passengers. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020339 was issued for the excess amount of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Pesos (Php 176,900.00). The confiscated Philippine Currencies were turned over to Annaliza L. Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 24 January 2025, Acting Customs Examiner Sunshine O. Palino, Acting Flight Supervisor Innah Angela Mirano thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, submitted their incident report to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject Philippine currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022-Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), states:

Section 4. Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.

"1. Local Currency. A person may import or export, or bring into or take out of the Philippines, or electronically transfer, legal tender Philippine notes and coins, checks, money order and other bills of exchange drawn in pesos against banks operating in the Philippines in an amount not exceeding Php50,000.00 without prior authorization by the BSP.

Amounts in excess of aforementioned limit shall require: (a) prior written authorization from the BSP; and (b) in case of Physical cross-border transfer of Philippine currency, declaration of the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines using prescribed Currency Declaration Form (Annex K)."

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of the Warrant of Seizure and Detertion against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are nereby ordered to seize the subject currencies intercepted from passenger KEIJI SATO for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by 2013, 874 dated 08 April 2015; 922 dated 23 August 2016 and 1146 dated 26 May 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated 14 June 1993 (The New Central Bank Act); and to turn over the same to the Collection Division for custody and safekeeping, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with Customs Admin strative Order (CAO) No. 10-2020, particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized within the period indicated therein, is likewise directed. Failure to do so shall render this Warrant of Seizure and Detention *ipso facto* considered null and void and shall subject the defaulting officer to the appropriate administrative charges and penalties in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, FEB 1 8 2025, February 2025.

ATTY MARIA YASMIN M. OBALIC District Collector, BOCHNAIA

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19 February 2025

MR. WEIJAN YAN

BF Homes Parañaque City

Subject: Seizure Identification No. 069-2025 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php200,000.00) brought in by Chinese traveler named

WEIJAN YAN on 09 January 2025

Dear Mr. Weijan Yan

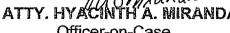
This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 069-2025 (NAIA) issued on February 18, 2025 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned seized goods, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper within seven (7) days from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 069-7025 (NAIA)

Two Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php200,000.00) brought in by Chinese traveler named WEIJAN YAN on 09 January 2025

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

TO: The District Commander ESS-CPD, NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on or about 2035H of 10 December 2024, on board flight no. PR 331 from China, a Chinese traveler named Weijan Yan with Passport No. EL5016001 arrived at the NAIA Terminal 1. His hand carry baggage was subjected for non-intrusive inspection by X-ray Inspection Project Personnel Erwin Hernandez and was referred to Acting Customs Examiner Jeinalem G. Go.

WHEREAS, before conducting physical examination, Examiner Go asked the traveler for his passport and e-travel QR Code for scanning. Upon checking the scanned QR Code, it was noted that the traveler ticked "No" to all the items in the Currency Declaration.

WHEREAS, during the initial check of the traveler's hand carry-baggage, bundles of One Thousand Philipiine Peso bills were discovered. The traveler was then invited to the exclusion room for physical counting and verification of the currency.

WHEREAS, in the presence of ESS SA1 Archer Pineza, CIIS Personnel Christian Llovit, and Supervised by Flight Supervisor Sahlee C. Ysa-Al, Customs Examiner Go conducted physical examination and yielded to the discovery of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (250) pieces of One Thousand Peso (PHP250,000.00).

WHEREAS, after verified counting, Customs Examiner Go explained to the traveler that prior written authorization from the BSP was required when importing Philippine currency in excess of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00). Consequently, Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) was returned to traveler and the remaining amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00) was confiscated and Held Baggage Receipt No.00100009651 was issued to traveler. The confiscated amount was turned over to Annaliza Reyes for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 23 December 2024, Acting Customs Examiner Jeinalem G. Go, Flight Supervisor Sahlee C. Ysa-Al, thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, submitted their incident report to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject foreign currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Bangko Sentral

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WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules representatives of the concerned offices, are currencies intercepted from passenger WEIJAN YAN for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Adt, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by BSP Circular Nos. 794 dated 18 April 2013, 874 dated 08 April 2015; 922 dated 23 August 2016 and 1146 dated 26 May 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated 14 June 1993 (The New Central Bank Act); and to turn over the same to the Collection Division for custody and safekeeping, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

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SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, FEB 1 8 2025 February 2025.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. &

District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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